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Substitute House Bill No. 6843

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The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND OBESITY THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before October 1,
2 2007, the Commissioner of Public Health shall establish and administer
3 a program to provide grants to municipalities for the purpose of
4 developing community-based physical activity programs to prevent or
5 reduce the incidence of cardiovascular disease and obesity among
6 children and adults, within participating municipalities. No grant
7 under this section may exceed fifty thousand dollars.

8 (b) The commissioner shall issue a request for proposals biennially,
9 on or before March first, for grant funding pursuant to this section,
10 except that the commissioner shall issue a request for proposals to
11 municipalities no later than October 1, 2007, for grant funding for the
12 period commencing January 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009. Each
13 proposal shall (1) include a description of the purpose, objectives and

14 budget of the activities to be funded by the grant; (2) include a
 15 community assessment in support of the proposal and a detailed plan
 16 for program evaluation and the collection of outcome data; (3)
 17 demonstrate community involvement which shall include formation of
 18 a community-based advisory committee to oversee the implementation
 19 and evaluation components; and (4) provide for dissemination of
 20 information to the public regarding the availability of the program and
 21 creation of public awareness regarding the health benefits of the
 22 program.

23 (c) In awarding grants under this section, the Commissioner of
 24 Public Health shall (1) give priority to municipalities that have
 25 identified local funding and other resource contributions for such
 26 community-based physical activity programs, and (2) attempt to
 27 distribute grant funds across a variety of demographic groups.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PH *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

APP

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Public Health, Dept.	THTF - Implements the Budget	500,000	500,000

Note: THTF=Tobacco and Health Trust Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	0 - 50,000	0 - 50,000
Various Municipalities	Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

A transfer of funding, in the amount of \$500,000 in each of FY 08 and FY 09, from the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund (THTF) to the Department of Public Health has been reflected within sHB 7077, as favorably reported, to allow the agency to support grants to towns for physical activity programming to prevent or reduce cardiovascular disease and obesity. The bill restricts these grants to no more than \$50,000 per community, and requires the department to give priority to municipalities having identified local funding/resources for community-based physical activity programs.

These transfers will reduce the principal of the THTF by \$500,000 in each fiscal year. The Fund's 6/30/07 projected balance is \$20.4 million. A statutory transfer of \$12 million in each of FY 08 and FY 09 will be made to the THTF from Tobacco Settlement payments. The principal of the THTF will be reduced by earmarkings within sHB 7077 (\$1.95 million in FY 08; \$1.45 million in FY 09) as well as annual disbursements of interest earnings per future recommendations of the Fund's Board of Trustees.

It is anticipated that any local costs associated with conducting a community assessment and program evaluation, forming a community-based advisory committee and informing the public about a program's health benefits will be considered by each town when deciding whether or not to submit grant proposals.

The Out Years

The ongoing nature of the program would result in the need for continuing funding, of indeterminate magnitude, in future fiscal years.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6843*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND OBESITY THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill creates a competitive grant program to help towns develop community-based physical activity programs to prevent or reduce cardiovascular disease and obesity in children and adults. The Department of Public Health (DPH) administers the program. Grants for up to \$50,000 are disbursed through a biennial request for proposal (RFP) process. In awarding grants, the DPH commissioner must (1) give priority to towns that identify local funding and other resources for the program and (2) try to disburse grants across a variety of demographic groups.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The bill requires towns' proposals to:

1. describe their program's purpose, objectives, and budget;
2. include a community assessment and detailed plan for collecting outcome data and evaluating the program;
3. show community involvement in the program, which must include forming an advisory committee to oversee program implementation and evaluation; and
4. provide for disseminating information to the public about the program's availability and health benefits.

RFP CYCLE

The bill requires DPH to issue the first RFP by October 1, 2007 for grants awarded between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. It also requires DPH to issue RFPs by March 1 every two years. (Presumably, the March 1 RFP cycle begins in 2009 for grants commencing July 1, 2009.)

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 22 Nay 4 (03/02/2007)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 47 Nay 0 (04/17/2007)